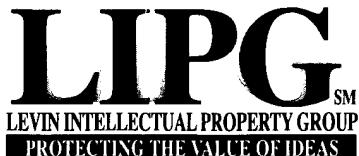




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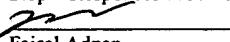
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Application No.: 09/768,141
Filed: January 24, 2001
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find the following:

1. Response to Office Action dated October 10, 2003; and
2. A self-addressed, stamped acknowledgement card to indicate receipt of the above-referenced documents.

Should you have any questions or comments with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to call (949) 497-7676 and the undersigned will be happy to assist you.

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Response to First Office Action Dated October 10, 2003

Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2003 the applicants respond as follows:

Applicant elects to present claims listed in Group 1, claims 10-15 together with these respective claims they depend on.

CONCLUSION

This submission is being made in response to the office action of October 10, 2003, where the Examiner Mondesi advises to elect a group for prosecution in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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